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Transmitted herewith is the application for Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,659,944 issued on August 26, 1997.

Inventor(s): ALFRED THIARD-LAFORET AND WILIBALD ZERLIK

for METHOD FOR REPAIRING A CONNECTING DEVICE FOR THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION AND FOR SUPPLYING AND
REMOVING AWAY THE COOLANT TO AND FROM THE HOLLOW CONDUCTOR ELEMENTS....

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7 Sheets of drawings

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Other: Request For The Transfer of the Original Drawings, List of Inventors' Names and Addresses, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form-1449, Ref. (1), Request Under 37 C.F.R. 1.607

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REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.607

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Applicants herein request the declaration of an interference between the above-referenced application and U.S. patent 5,573,414, issued on November 12, 1996 to Taillon et al. A proposed count is set forth below:

COUNT

A method for providing an electrical and fluid connector on an electro-fluidic conductor, said electrical and fluidic connector having a first member and a second member that are separate and both electrically conductive, said second member having a fluid port that facilitates fluidic connection to a fluid conductor and said second member being configured to facilitate electrical connection to an electrical conductor, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) securing said first member to said electro-fluidic

conductor such that said first member encircles an end portion of said electro-fluidic conductor and forms a fluid tight seal thereto, and electrically connects therewith; and

(b) matably connecting said first member to said second member such that said first member and said second member define a hollow inner chamber that comprises a fluid tight chamber for passing fluid between said electro-fluidic conductor and said fluid port of said second member, and wherein said first member and said second member themselves define an electrical connection between said electro-fluidic conductor and said electrical conductor when said electrical conductor is attached to said second member.

Claim 1 of Taillon et al corresponds to the proposed count.

Claim 24 of the above-referenced application corresponds to the proposed count. The terms of claim 24 are applied as follows:

24. A method for providing an electrical and fluid connector on an electro-fluidic conductor [COL. 1, LINES 15-19], said electrical and fluidic connector having a first member [2a] and a second member [2b] that are separate and both electrically conductive [COL. 4, LINES 49-50 AND 61-62], said second member having a fluid port that facilitates fluidic connection to a fluid conductor [COL. 4, LINES 3-4] and said second member being configured to facilitate electrical connection to an electrical conductor [COL. 6, LINES 44-46], said method comprising the steps of:

(a) securing said first member to said electro-fluidic

conductor such that said first member encircles an end portion of said electro-fluidic conductor and forms a fluid tight seal thereto [COL. 4, LINES 49-58; COL 6, LINES 30-36], and electrically connects therewith [COL. 6, LINES 44-46]; and

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OFFER TO SURRENDER THE ORIGINAL PATENT

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Patentees herein offer to surrender the original U.S. patent 5,659,944. The issuance of the reissue patent is respectfully solicited.

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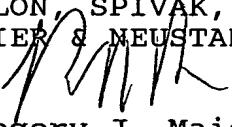
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.174(a), please use the drawings from the original patent. In the event that the original drawings are amended during prosecution, applicant will provide new drawings of the affected figures.

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